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TITLE: PROCESS AND AGENT FOR INSTABILIZING VIRAL QUASI-SPECIES
DISTRIBUTIONS AVOIDING RESISTANCE PHENOMENA

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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ATTN.: BOX FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination in the above-identified patent application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 24 to 46 without prejudice. Please replace these claims by adding new claims 47 to 72 as follows:

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47. Process for destabilizing a viral quasi-species-
distribution without inducing resistance to therapeutic agents by
replication of nucleic acids of viruses present in the quasi-

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